

U.S. Application No.: 10/035,168
Reply to Office Action of December 28, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 4-16, 18-32, 36-46 and 50-51 are pending. Claims 17 and 47-49 have been cancelled. The Applicants thank Examiner Feely for the courteous and helpful discussion of April 28, 2005 where it was indicated that this application would be allowable if Claims 17 and 47-49 were cancelled. These claims had raised a new issue that was indicated as requiring additional search or consideration, however, the remaining claims (as presented in the prior unentered amendment after final rejection) were otherwise allowable. In view of the cancellation of these claims, the allowance of this application is now respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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